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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington

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TO : Assistant Director  
The Central Intelligence Agency  
Office of Reports and Estimates

FROM : The Department of State  
Office of Intelligence Research

SUBJECT : Request for Situation Estimate of North Korea

Due to the fragmentary nature of intelligence reports on the North Korean area, the Bureau of Far Eastern Affairs recently requested the Division of Research for Far East, OIR, to prepare an overall integrated analysis of the military, political, and economic situation in North Korea. Since such a study involves contributions from the intelligence agencies of the Armed Forces and coordination of their military estimates with political and economic estimates, it would appear to be properly within the scope of your agency to supervise the project. While DRF is prepared to take responsibility for drafting the political and economic sections, it is requested that ORE undertake responsibility for the coordination and preparation of the overall situation estimate.

In its request to DRF, FE stressed that the study include: (1) consideration of the political and economic stability of the area; and (2) evaluation of the military potential in the broadest possible economic and social context. FE also requested that the armed forces draw upon overall military intelligence estimates from G-2, Far Eastern Command. The deadline set by the requester is March 27, 1950.

/s/

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Director

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